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Greetings from the Ninth District Office

Hello and a happy good spring to you. These days are monumental for our City and our state as we celebrate the new men's basketball NCAA National Champions and women's basketball National Runners-up University of Louisville Cardinals. Indeed, both these teams—and the thousands of other athletes at all of our local, state and regional universities and colleges—have kept Louisville in the spotlight all year long. And though this draws attention to our city, it also brings with it needed dollars for these schools as a reward for being among the best in their respective sports. So, congratulations to all.

It's also another time when

the world will have its eyes on Louisville, Kentucky, as we host the best 2 minutes in Sports—the Kentucky Derby. As our city continues its months long preparation to entertain the world non-stop for more than two weeks leading up to the Derby, we still need your involvement to ensure we make another successful run for the world.

We need your help volunteering in a group or on your own to pick up litter in your neighborhood and public parks; make sure any overgrowth onto the public sidewalk or streets is trimmed back for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists; sweep the curb along the front of your property and perhaps your neighbor's next

door if they haven't. This will keep any trash and yard debris out of the storm sewers, keep them clean and save rate-payers approximately \$400 for MSD to come out and vacuum the sewer drains that get clogged with debris when we ignore them.

Further, we don't just need your help for a limited time. We need you as partners as often as you can be while we all live, share and build this great community together. I hope you get caught up on some issues we've highlighted in this issue of the No. 9 News and have a fuller picture of what we've been doing to serve you since the last eNewsletter. As always, it continues to be a privilege to serve you.

Three New Water Fountains in the District

This past Spring the D9 office ordered three new outdoor bottle filling stations—each station is equipped with one basin and one dog bowl. These new filling stations will allow folks to refill their reusable water bottles with greater ease. The water fountains were installed this Fall at the Keats/Frankfort public


parking lot, at Brownsboro/Story in the newly renamed Karen Lynch Park, and on Reservoir Avenue near the steps that lead to the walking path.

We hope you and your furry friends enjoy these new stations and don't forget to bring your reusable water bottle with you!



Gov Delivery for Email Notifications

As our society as a whole grows greener more online options become available to constituents in Metro Louisville. There is a wealth of knowledge available right at the tip of your fingers on our award-winning website at www.louisvilleky.gov. You can logon 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and find specific department information or use the "search" tool if you don't know where to start. The best new feature is the Gov Delivery notification system where you may sign up for e-Newsletters, notices, alerts and more! Just visit the website at www.louisvilleky.gov

and on the right side of the screen click on the  icon and subscribe by email or text. If you choose the email option type in your email address and click "submit." You'll then be given a list of topics to subscribe to. Some helpful topics for your consideration are Road Closure Announcements, APCD notifications, Metro Council District 9 eNews, Green Triangle updates, Dist. 9 Alcoholic Beverage License Notifications and LMPD 5th Division. There are many more to choose from but that's a list of frequently

asked questions for residents and businesses in the 9th District.

Our office sends out regular email updates through our weekly No. 9 eNews. We include information on upcoming events, neighborhood stories, meeting notifications and weekly calendar items. You may sign up for our eNews by visiting the Metro Louisville website and following the steps above or you may contact our office directly at 574-1109. Currently the No. 9 eNews is only available for constituents that have access to an email

www.louisvilleky.gov/district9. Just click the "No. 9 eNews archives" and click on the eNews date you wish to read. These weekly updates may be accessed from the Free Public Library or on any computer with internet access. Also, be sure to check out our blog at <http://district9news.wordpress.com>.

The extended community events calendar is on our blog as well as important mid-week notifications you might find helpful.



Proposed Insurance Premium Tax Increase Ordinance

I've received many calls and emails regarding the proposed insurance premium tax increase for the purposes of a sustainable funding source for the Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund (LAHTF).

For far too long our community has only given lip service to our commitment to addressing the myriad of affordable housing issues. The key factor in addressing this community wide issue that has been missing is an ongoing sustainable public revenue source so that as federal and state dollars continue to shrink we can, as a local community, make an annual commitment to do everything we can by committing resources to meet that need.

The Mayor's Affordable Housing Trust Fund Task Force was a group of stakeholders comprised of a board representation of the community: for profit and non-profit developers, home builders, apartment builders, government officials, housing advocates, religious leaders and bankers. Their recommendation was important because it was a consensus to seek a public funding source. Most

importantly, each of the stakeholders gave up something in order to benefit the entire community. As a result, it has always been the goal to start with changing policies and laws locally to get this funding source quicker as opposed to having to go to Frankfort and ask the State's permission to change other laws, though that is a part of the overall strategy. That's what this ordinance attempts to do. It's a 1% tax increase on insurance premiums (not total of your insurance coverage, but rather the monthly premium paid for the coverage) that our local Metro Government has the authority to change. For the average person paying homeowner's and auto insurance, the impact is equal to 63¢ a month for each, about the cost of a 2-liter soft drink. A soda is not a lot to forego if it means providing a decent home for a child or a veteran.

Though clearly this option is not perfect, nor is it even ideal because it does not; one, mandate that small cities increase their insurance premiums; two, mandate if small cities do increase the tax it must go to the LAHTF; and three, guarantee assurance that even in the Metro annual budget the funds will be designated to the LAHTF.

This is the best means, however, that we have available to us at this time.

Though this proposal is not likely to muster 14 votes for a Mayoral signature, I think it's a hopeful sign that 7 Democrats were willing to be co-sponsors for this initiative had we closed the loophole guaranteeing its being directed to the LAHTF. I am grateful and proud of my colleagues. I also understand their hesitation in not wanting to simply sponsor a tax increase without assurances that it would go to the LAHTF annually. But hope springs eternal. Surely if the Metro Council can commit \$10 million a year to financing an arena, we can make a \$9.7 million a year commitment for 5 years to the LAHTF. Time is of the essence, the number and the need in our community is staggering. More than 12,000 children who attended JCPS last year were homeless, more than 24,000 families are on the Housing Authority's waiting list for assistance and more than 7,000 properties have vacant and abandoned structures in need of repair so as to increase the housing stock.

Green Triangle Update

The Green Triangle is the 9th District's sustainability initiative. We are working with individuals, businesses and government to create a 9th District of green spaces for people to connect with nature and each other; green options for transportation; and green thinking that promotes the conservation of resources and our small neighborhood feel. Here are a few updates on the Green Triangle's activities in 2012.

Our website, www.mygreentriangle.com has been updated to include interactive features to allow individuals, businesses, and groups to create profiles to track their progress towards sustainability. Visit the website today to share the green steps you are taking, connect with neighbors through community mapping and learn more about sustainability.

When you create a profile on the Green Triangle website, your responses populate a community map of green features including rain gardens, bee hives, fruit trees

and vegetable gardens. Neighbors can use the map to make connections with others who are working on sustainability. There is also a forum to discuss green issues. Visit the website to see calculations of green steps and other features. You'll see totals of the green steps that our community is taking, for instance, as of April 10, 2013, 86 9th District residents reported saving 2,832 gallons of gas and 49,947 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions per year by biking, walking, taking the bus, and carpooling. This is equivalent to the savings in greenhouse gas emissions from taking 4.7 passenger vehicles off the road for a year. It is exciting to see the difference our community can make when we add together all of our green steps!

In the spring of 2012 the Green Triangle started a partnership with Eco-Cell to create the opportunity for residents to recycle handheld electronics at several locations in the 9th District. You'll be keeping harmful

materials like lead and arsenic out of landfills by recycling your items, and funds will go towards sustainability projects in the 9th District. Find a list of drop off spots, including Eco-Cell at 1726 Mellwood Avenue, at www.mygreentriangle.com. Acceptable items include cell phones and their accessories, digital cameras, iPods and MP3 players, handheld game systems, GPS handheld units, laptops, e-readers and portable hard drives. All cords and related items can also be recycled. As of the beginning of April, over 180 items have been recycled or refurbished.

The Expanded Recycling Pilot Program in District 9 was such a success that it has been expanded to all businesses and residents in the Urban Services District (USD). Now for a one-time fee of \$50 per cart, residents and businesses in the USD can order a large 95-gallon recycling cart. After this one-time fee there is no pickup charge, which can mean substantial savings on dumpster fees for businesses. To order



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call MetroCall at 311 or 574-5000 or go online to www.louisvilleky.gov/solidwaste.

We're always looking for new ways to look at public projects through a green lens and new partnerships to enter into to make District 9 the greenest it can be. If you have ideas, please contact our office and get involved.

PUBLIC PARKING



Works (MPW) along Frankfort Avenue for safety reasons. As you might imagine, parking is at a premium along Frankfort Avenue and businesses need access to as many spaces as possible to be profitable and stay in business.

The parking spaces were removed after a thorough study had been conducted

NEW Public Parking Lot at 2018 Frankfort Avenue

Last Spring I was contacted by several business owners along Frankfort Avenue after two parking spots were removed by Metro Public

after a request had been made. The results showed a number of accidents, which warranted MPW to make the decision to remove the parking spots.

I then revisited an old idea regarding an unused parking lot in the area. A couple years ago when the property went up for sale I reached out to the realtor in hopes a lease agreement could be negotiated to allow public parking in the unused lot and at the time the cost was too high for the D9 office to supply. It was now a couple years later and the site was still for sale. After meeting with the realtor and several Metro Agencies it looked as though

an agreement could be made. Our office worked with the County Attorney's Office, Economic Development, Parks and the Parking Authority of River City (PARC) to make updates on the lot for security, lighting, re-striping, installing bike racks, etc and on August 31, 2012, the public parking lot was opened at 2018 Frankfort Avenue. The lot yields about 60 spaces and is open 24/7. The lease agreement is on a yearly basis and the terms could change if the lot is purchased in the future, but for now please enjoy the additional parking by visiting local businesses along Frankfort Avenue.

Snapshot of Neighborhood Development Funds, Capital Infrastructure Funds and Capital Budget March 2012 – September 2012 Expenditures

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Sustainability Projects</u>	
Community Services & Revitalization/Center for Neighborhoods Green Institute	\$ 12,500.00
Economic Development/Purchase of (3) water fountains	\$ 10,731.24
Metro Public Works/Keats Parking Lot bike rack installation	\$ 1,619.75
<u>Public Improvement Projects</u>	
Brightside/Penwood & Lexington Road ROW repairs	\$ 1,902.75
Economic Development/Keats Parking Lot light repair	\$ 414.25
Economic Development/Lease for Public Parking on Frankfort Ave	\$ 7,500.00
Highland Commerce Guild for Graffiti Removal in D9	\$ 5,000.00
Historic Homes for Lexington Road Beautification	\$ 1,500.00
Metro Parks/Clearing of overgrowth in public parking lot	\$ 198.97
Metro Public Works/Accessible ramp installation on S Clifton	\$ 1,628.40
Metro Public Works/Dead tree removal at Karen Lynch Park	\$ 1,248.00
Metro Public Works/Lexington Road at Cherokee Park Restoration	\$ 825.00
Metro Public Works/Purchase of (3) "No Parking" signs	\$ 52.05
Metro Public Works/Trimming of trees at Chicken Steps	\$ 7,800.00
Metro Public Works/Decaying tree removal on Sycamore as result of paving	\$ 1,632.00
PARC/Public Parking Lot Asphalt Repairs	\$ 650.00
PARC/Public Parking Lot Improvements on Frankfort	\$ 4,193.78
<u>Non-Profit Projects</u>	
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	
Boy Scouts of America	\$ 1,000.00
Center for Neighborhoods – Grassroots Gala	\$ 2,000.00
Clifton Center	\$ 250.00
Clifton Orchard Project	\$ 5,000.00
Coalition for the Homeless – Stand Down event	\$ 1,000.00
Crescent Hill Community Council – Fourth of July Celebration	\$ 1,000.00
EDGE Outreach/WaterStep	\$ 2,500.00
Equestrian Trailhead improvements	\$ 5,000.00
Family & Children's Place	\$ 500.00
Forest Fest	\$ 500.00
Green Triangle Personnel	\$ 20,000.00
Harbor House – KenDucky Derby	\$ 500.00
Irish Hill Roots Fest	\$ 500.00
Kentucky Waterways Alliance – Wild & Scenic Film Festival	\$ 400.00
Louisville Metro Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Louisville Metro Police Department/National Night Out	\$ 848.50
Louisville Visual Arts – Buy Local First Fair	\$ 250.00
Metro Housing Coalition Report	\$ 2,000.00
Metro Animal Services SPOT Clinic	\$ 300.00
Metro Parks/Back to School Block Party	\$ 750.00
Metro Parks/Creative Solutions Facilitation for Green Triangle	\$ 804.00
Metro Parks/Engaging Children Outdoors (ECHO)	\$ 5,000.00
Metro United Way – LABC Free Tax Preparation	\$ 1,500.00
No Kill Louisville	\$ 1,000.00
Ovarian Awareness of Kentucky	\$ 1,200.00
Project Warm	\$ 1,000.00
University of Louisville – Pride Week	\$ 500.00
	\$ 1,000.00

Landmarks Ordinance Change

On August 9, 2012, amendments to Sections 32.251, 32.260 and 32.263 of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances were approved through Metro Council. The changes were in regards to the designation of individual local landmarks.

The elements of the ordinance that changed are: establishing a prescribed timeframe for the individual landmark process; ensuring that the petitions include signatures from citizens in the Council district and/or immediate area that proposed landmark is located; increasing notification to reach the immediate area around the proposed landmark as well as the Council and the Mayor; involving the property owner earlier in the process with the pre-hearing conference; suspending the issuance of a wrecking permit until the process has been completed; allowing for Metro Council to have the opportunity to review a proposed designation; and defining an appeal process to the Jefferson Circuit Court. A detailed explanation of some of the changes are below.

1. Establishing a prescribed timeframe for the Landmark process: After submission of a complete and verified petition staff will do a study of and issue a report for the requested designation within 18 calendar days. Within 14 calendar days of the completion and issuance of staff's report on proposed designation, staff shall schedule a pre-hearing conference. Staff shall then schedule a public hearing within 90 calendar days of the submission of the petition, unless continued by Commission Chair, but not to exceed 120 days.
2. Signatures: Petition requesting designation should contain no fewer than 200 residents of Louisville Metro and provided that at least 101 of those signatures are residents or property owners within a specified boundary.
3. Notification: Once a public hearing date, time and place has been established the staff will mail, no later than 30 days before the hearing date, a notice containing address and description of the landmark to residents/owners, all member of Metro Council and Mayor of Louisville Metro, Mayor and city clerk

of any second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth class city, residents/owners of adjoining property owners, property across street, property that adjoins the adjoining property and properties within 500 feet.

4. Suspension of a wrecking permit: During the pendency of the petition before the Commission or the Council and during any possible appeal or review.

Metro Council Final Review: The Metro Council, by a vote of (18) Council Members, may initiate a review of the Commission's final action upon the proposal within (60) days. The decision of the Metro Council will be based on written findings of fact and following the criteria set forth in Section 32.260 (E)(1). The Council's decision shall uphold, modify, or overturn the Commission's decision, and may place conditions the Council deems appropriate.

The approved ordinance is available on my website at www.louisvilleky.gov/district9.

Junk and Secondhand Dealers Ordinance

On July 26, 2012, amendments to the Junk and Secondhand Dealers Ordinance were approved through Metro Council. The changes were made to LMCO Chapter 115 relating to scrap metals dealers.

Louisville Metro Council and the General Assembly have strengthened the laws regarding the sale and purchase of scrap metal to curtail metal and car theft problems in the community.

1. Online databases: Louisville Metro Code of Ordinance was revised to broaden LMPD's authority to review business records of the secondary metals

recycler industry and mobile dealers. The industry is now required to report the purchase of regulated property and restricted property within 24 hours. LMPD has implemented an on-line database called Leads On-Line to which the secondary metals recycler industry and mobile dealers are required to input these purchases. The database will allow LMPD to track and recover stolen property and vehicles in Jefferson County.

2. Title requirement: The transfer of motor vehicles for scrap or parts recycling now requires presentation of the vehicle title. The secondary metals recycler industry is required to keep copies of the title for at least a

year. The exception is if the vehicle is over 10 years old and the sellers provides a sworn statement with their name, address, DL number, and information about the vehicle.

3. Impoundment of vehicle: Metro Government may impound motor vehicles used to transport stolen metals or stolen motor vehicles, if a vehicle is believed to contain stolen metals.

The approved ordinance with new sections underlined is available on my website at www.louisvilleky.gov/district9.

2013 District 9 Calendar

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F.A.T. Friday, Frankfort Avenue Trolley, 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. along Frankfort, Mellwood and Story Avenues. The F.A.T. Friday Trolley Hop takes place on the Final Friday of each month. For more information please visit www.fatfridayhop.com. Upcoming dates are Apr. 26, May 31, Jun. 28, July 26 & Aug. 30

May 2013

Friday, May 3: Kentucky Oaks

Saturday, May 4: Kentucky Derby

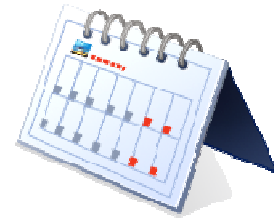
Saturday, May 11:
9th District FREE responsible recycling donation drive-through event at the lower parking lot of the Mellwood Arts Center, 1860 Mellwood Avenue, across from MOM's Music from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For more information call 574-1109.

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day – Metro Government Holiday, all Metro offices closed. For the holiday collection schedule please call MetroCALL at 574-5000.

June 2013

The 9th District USD will have junk collection set-out on a select weekend in June. You may begin setting out your junk Friday afternoon prior to your junk pick-up week and must have it all out by Monday at 6:00 a.m. For your junk set-out weekend dates please visit www.louisvilleky.gov, "Map It" or call the office at 574-1109.

Saturday, June 1: Butchertown Art Fair at East Washington Street between Shelby and Wenzel Streets from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



July 2013

Thursday, July 4 - Friday, July 5: Crescent Hill Fourth of July Celebration from 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the Peterson-Dumesnil House.

Thursday, July 4: Independence Day – Metro Government Holiday, all Metro Offices closed. For the holiday collection schedule please call MetroCALL at 574-5000.

September 2013

Monday, September 2: Labor Day – Metro Government Holiday, all Metro offices closed. For the holiday collection schedule please call MetroCALL at 574-5000.

Friday, September 6:
14th Annual Back to School Block Party from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center, 201 Reservoir Avenue. Join us for FREE pizza, swimming and family fun!

To receive a weekly listing of 9th District events, please sign up for the eNews by calling 574-1109 or by emailing kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov, or check out our weblog at district9news.wordpress.com

